

Kardish Paul J.
Form 4
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Kardish Paul J.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ORION ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.
[OESX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
2210 WOODLAND DRIVE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
06/14/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
VP - General Counsel

MANITOWOC, WI 54220

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 06/14/2012 | | P | 1,900 A 2.087 | 4,900 | I | By IRA |
| | | | | (1) | | | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
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|------------------------------|---------|--|--|--|--|----------------|--------------|---------|
| Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 2.75 | | | | | (2) 11/07/2021 | Common Stock | 100,000 |
|------------------------------|---------|--|--|--|--|----------------|--------------|---------|

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Kardish Paul J. 2210 WOODLAND DRIVE MANITOWOC, WI 54220 | | | VP - General Counsel | |

Signatures

/s/ Steven R. Barth, Attorney-in-Fact for Paul J. Kardish
 06/15/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- The price in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The prices actually paid ranged from \$2.06 to \$2.10. The reporting person has provided to the issuer, and will provide to any security holder of the issuer, or the SEC staff, upon request, information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the range for all transactions reported in this Form 4 utilizing an average weighted price.
- (1) Grant to reporting person of option to buy shares under the 2004 Stock and Incentive Awards Plan. This option, granted November 7, 2011, vests and becomes exercisable in 20% increments on November 7, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016, respectively

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